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RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #13-033

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is an acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 1, 2013, to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), which was received by this office on May 2, 2013. In your request, you asked for copies of the most recent study conducted under contract to the BBG by Oxford Research International, Edison Media Research Inc., and Intermedia Survey Institute. You also requested the contracts under which those three studies were commissioned.

Since this office receives a large quantity of requests each year, your request has been assigned **Reference Number 13-033**. Using this number in all future correspondence will facilitate locating your file in a timely fashion to provide you with the best service possible. Also, please note that the Agency does not have a multi-track FOIA system and processes all requests on a first in, first out basis.

Pursuant to the FOIA, an agency is required to make a determination on a request within 20 business days whether to comply with such request. In this case, the Agency will require additional time (10 business days) beyond the 20-day time limit for processing your request under “unusual circumstances” defined by statute, specifically the need to search for the requested records from office(s) outside of this office. The Agency anticipates making a determination within 30 days after the receipt of your request.

For the purposes of assessing fees pursuant to OMB Fee Guidelines, you have been placed in Category II, educational and scientific institutions and news media. Consistent with Category II, you will be assessed only duplication fees, and only after the first 100 pages, which are free of charge. The fee for duplication is \$0.15 per page.

Regarding your request for a waiver of applicable fees, the Agency has determined that your request does not provide sufficient information to establish how the records sought would contribute to the general public’s understanding of the subject matter in question to a significant extent. Furthermore, your request does not provide sufficient



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information as to how the records requested would be disseminated to the public at large to facilitate greater understanding of Agency programs or operations. Therefore, your request for a waiver of fees is denied. If you believe that you can establish how the records you have requested would significantly contribute to greater public understanding and how they would be disseminated to the public at large, you may submit additional information and ask for a reconsideration of your waiver request.

The Agency does not have a current estimate as to the total amount of chargeable reproduction fees associated with this request.

You may appeal the adverse determinations regarding your request for a waiver of fees. If you wish to do so, you must send your appeal within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter to the Chairperson, Access Appeal Committee, BBG, Suite 3349, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20237. For all other inquiries, I can be reached at the address and phone numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. T. Krog", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew T. Krog
FOIA and Privacy Act Officer